



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 350

LCO No. 1646



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC
EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:
(LAB)

**AN ACT INCREASING THE PER DIEM RATE FOR MEMBERS OF THE
STATE BOARD OF LABOR RELATIONS AND COMPENSATION FOR
MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 31-102 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
3 *1, 2026*):

4 (a) There shall continue to be in the Labor Department the
5 Connecticut State Board of Labor Relations, which shall be composed of
6 three members. On or before June first in the odd-numbered years, as
7 the term of each member expires, the Governor shall, with the advice
8 and consent of the General Assembly, appoint a successor to serve for a
9 term of six years. Each member of the board shall have been an elector
10 in this state for at least one year next preceding his appointment. Any
11 member may be removed by the Governor for cause shown in a public
12 hearing after the accused has been given a copy of the charges made and
13 has had an opportunity to answer such charges. The Governor shall fill
14 any vacancy by appointment for the unexpired term. No member shall

15 receive a salary but each member shall be paid [one hundred fifty] three
16 hundred dollars in lieu of expenses for each day during which he is
17 engaged in the duties of the board. The offices of the board shall be in
18 the department at Wethersfield. The board is authorized to hold
19 hearings at any place in this state. Subject to the provisions of chapter
20 67, the board shall appoint such employees, including an assistant to the
21 agent, for such periods as may be necessary to carry out the work of the
22 board and the provisions of this chapter without undue delay. All files,
23 records and documents accumulated by the board shall be kept in
24 offices provided by the department. All decisions shall be made by a
25 majority of the board and a copy shall be filed with the commissioner.
26 As provided in section 4-60 and more frequently if required by the
27 governor, the board shall make a written report to the Governor, a copy
28 of which shall be filed with the commissioner.

29 Sec. 2. Section 31-98 of the general statutes is repealed and the
30 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

31 (a) The panel, or its single member if sitting in accordance with
32 section 31-93, may, in its discretion and with the consent of the parties,
33 issue an oral decision immediately upon conclusion of the proceedings.
34 If the decision is to be in writing, it shall be signed, within fifteen days,
35 by a majority of the members of the panel or by the single member so
36 sitting, and the decision shall state such details as will clearly show the
37 nature of the decision and the points disposed of by the panel. Where
38 the decision is in writing, one copy thereof shall be filed by the panel in
39 the office of the town clerk in the town where the controversy arose and
40 one copy shall be given to each of the parties to the controversy. The
41 panel or single member which has rendered an oral decision
42 immediately upon conclusion of the proceedings shall submit a written
43 copy of the decision to each party within fifteen days from the issuance
44 of such oral decision. In all cases where a decision is rendered orally
45 from the bench, the secretary shall cause such oral decision to be
46 transcribed, approved by the panel or single member as applicable and
47 filed with the records of the board proceedings.

48 (b) Upon the conclusion of the proceedings, each member of the panel
49 shall receive [~~three hundred twenty-five~~] five hundred dollars and a
50 panel member who prepares a written decision shall receive an
51 additional [~~five hundred~~] one thousand dollars, or the single member,
52 if sitting in accordance with section 31-93, shall receive [~~three hundred~~
53 ~~twenty-five~~] five hundred dollars, provided if the proceedings extend
54 beyond one day, each member shall receive [~~three hundred twenty-five~~]
55 five hundred dollars for each additional day beyond the first day, and
56 provided further no proceeding may be extended beyond two days
57 without the prior approval of the Labor Commissioner for each such
58 additional day.

59 (c) Upon the conclusion of an executive panel session, each member
60 of such panel shall receive [~~two~~] three hundred dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	31-102(a)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	31-98

LAB *Joint Favorable*

APP *Joint Favorable*